

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For	:	DNA MOLECULES ENCODING BETA	)	
		CLAMP PROTEINS OF GRAM POSITIVE	)	
		BACTERIA	)	
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**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop RCE**  
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.